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Dedication

To

the Chairman and the Members of

The Board of Management

of Pickering College

This Volume of the Voyageur

is dedicated

in appreciation of

their strong support of our school

and their steadfast faith in its ideals

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a personal word

*Quakers define the hour when thoughts begin to burn,
And faith leaps from the heart into the hands,
That great turbulence of spirit, "a concern",
The hour when contemplation breaks its bonds.*

*Poems are written, colleges are built, states live
When people go out from their thinking to the street
With a faith in their hands so deep and positive
It makes the vision truth. Here thought and action meet.*

EVER SINCE EIGHTEEN THIRTY-NINE when Joseph Gurney visited the Friend's Meeting near Newmarket and suggested the establishment of a Friend's Boarding School, our College has been fortunate in having behind it a group of men who have unselfishly devoted themselves to the support and maintenance of this institution. The vision of our early founders still lives in the thoughts and actions of the present members of our board. It therefore seems fitting that the present issue of the *Voyageur* should be dedicated to these men in appreciation of their decision to carry out a programme of thorough renovation in our buildings. Our Board is not concerned solely, however, with the physical improvements of our "bricks and mortar". These, of course, we need. And yet, more important, is this evidence of their continuing faith in the way of education for which Pickering College stands.

The true essence of education lies in the effective and beneficial influence of the teacher on the student, both in the academic and spiritual realm. Good leadership is, therefore, of the first importance. As has been so truly stated: a good school may result from a wise teacher at one end of a log and a willing student at the other. Nevertheless, all will agree that the present improvements will be a source of great encouragement to both the teachers and students of our college.

The words of May Sarton with which this page begins give us an inspiring expression of Quaker faith. Just as the Board has expressed its belief in Pickering College through its present action, so must we as educators and students of Pickering translate "the ideals and sacred things" of our school into our own lives. Our religious beliefs, if they are to be of any value at all, must be reflected in our way of life. We are fond of saying that there is as much religion in the everyday activities of classes, games and other human relationships as in a formal church service. Wherever we have failed in the past, it has been because we have not given life to our beliefs; wherever we have succeeded, both as individuals and as a community, it has been because of action based on faith in our highest ideals.

On behalf of the whole Pickering family, may I thank all those who have made the past year a good one for Pickering—students, teachers, old boys, and members of the Board. The successful co-operation of all gave us a year together which we shall always remember as being rich, full and rewarding. In the same spirit we shall go forward dedicated to the goal of transmitting our school "not only not less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us".

—Harry M. Beer



HARRY M. BEER, B.A.
HEADMASTER

editorial

FOR MOST OF US it is generally agreed that this year, from the opening whistle of the first foot-ball game to the closing of the final banquet, has been a good year. Sometimes the going was tough and the waters turbulent but the year's sum indicates that these spots are but faint imprints on an otherwise near perfect-canvas.

There were no hot bones of contention between students and staff or between student and student with the exception of a misunderstanding concerning the question of supremacy between the student body and the school committee, a dead lock from which the committee emerged victorious.

Student supervised studies were instituted shortly before Christmas. The manner in which this mode of decorum was administered by the committee and the gracious acceptance of it by the students has proved the soundness of this scheme. It is to be hoped that next year we will not revert back to the old grade school-method necessitating masters in every corridor, for this application places undue and unnecessary strain upon both the staff and the students.

The productions of the Drama Club under Mr. F. D. L. Stewart, and the Glee Club directed by Mr. Digby Peers, both of which were very well received added considerably to the success of the year. In all sports activities with the exception of basketball the Blue and Silver more than held its own. The foot-ball team in particular calls for special notice in an undefeated, untied season.

Every student who has passed through Pickering's Portals this year has learned a little about life; some have learnt a great deal, both positive and negative; many new friendships that time will temper have been formed. It has been a good year, and the heights to which many of its graduates will rise will bear out that it has been a successful one.



the school committee

THE COMMITTEE, THIS YEAR, WAS COMPOSED at different stages of McMullen, Brownlee, Allen, Dresser, Kennedy, Maclean, Deal, Campbell, King, Wilson, and Skip Lamont; Brownlee being chairman for the first two terms and McMullen taking over from there.

Concerning social life, this year's committee was busy with the organization of the two formals and with various other dances throughout the year. This year's All Teen dances were once again a great success and in my opinion should be carried on in future years. An attempt was made on the advice of Mr. Murray to get the Oakwood Girls Choir to visit us for an evening during which they would sing to us and we would entertain them with our polished dance manoeuvres. Although this plan fell through (through no fault of the planners) I think it is generally thought that the plan was a good one and should be carried out in future if possible.

THIS YEAR THE COMMITTEE WAS FACED WITH MANY PROBLEMS, some of age-old origin other which were new and thus more difficult. The old ones were

solved using old standby methods employed by past committees. The new problems had more to do with the misunderstanding by some members of the student body of some of the committee's functions and the authority with which they fulfill these functions. Admittedly, the committee did not perform many of their functions in a purely democratic way but rather could be justly accused of operating under the rule of a "diluted" democracy, but, as we may all realize, there comes a time in any government when certain decisions are better made by the elected representatives than by the electorate. Such was the case this year and although some doubt arose in the minds of many concerning the committee's extension of power I think everyone will have to agree, in view of the results of our decisions, that in these instances the committee's opinions were more practical than those of the student body and in these cases the ends have justified the means.

Once again the committee headed up chapel for two weekends and it was the general opinion that they upheld a fine tradition with success giving some interesting material for thought to those who heard them.

—JIM MACLEAN

The Anna Belugin Memorial Prizes

THE FIRST WINNERS of the Anna Belugin Memorial Prizes are Daniel Goldstick and James Murray. These prizes, which took the form of Winston Churchill's recent book "The Birth of Britain" were given by Mr. A. N. Belugin of Newmarket in memory of his wife to those students who had excelled in thoughtful scholarship. Both Mr. and Mrs. Belugin had shown marked interest in our school and we are happy to have such a prize awarded in her name. Our thanks to Mr. Belugin and our congratulations to this year's winners.



The names from
left to right:
Guest Speaker —
Old Boy,

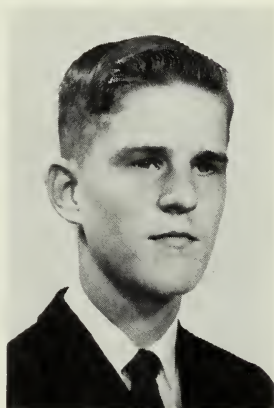
VAN LAUGHTON
Widdrington
Award Winners—
LARRY McMULLEN
ALVIN DEAL
PETER CAMPBELL
BRIAN BLACKSTOCK
THE HEADMASTER

school awards

LARRY McMULLEN of Toronto was the winner this year of the Garratt Cane. This award is made by members of the graduating class to one of their number who, in their opinion, best exemplifies in his attitude and actions the ideals of the College.

LARRY McMULLEN, ALVIN DEAL, BRIAN BLACKSTOCK, and PETER CAMPBELL were winners of the Widdrington Award. This award is made to members of the graduating class who have contributed notably to the wellbeing of the community in leadership and personal relations, and in extra-curricular activities other than athletic.

DOUG ASHCROFT was the winner of the Rogers Cane, given to that student of Firth House who best expresses in his way of life the ideal of the Firth House motto "all for one, one for all."



DOUG. ASHCROFT

the graduating class

We present the graduating class of 1955-56 with a careful summary of their activities here, their future activities elsewhere, and our forthright prophecies of what those activities will be in reality. We wish them luck.

Pd means Probable destination.

Fs means Favorite saying.

CHARLES "JAZZ MAN" BATEMAN

Actual: Cracker editor, senior football, basketball, high jump record holder trouble, chairman 30 club.

Ambition: Meds at Queens

Pd: Janitor at P.C.

BRIAN "NIPPER" BLACKSTOCK

Actual: Escapade, Mikado, Senior Soccer, Polikon Club.

Ambition: To be Prime Minister of Canada.

Pd: President of 30 Club.

Fs: "Ask McCabe".

JOHN "NOSER" BROWNLEE

Actual: Senior football, hockey, Aurora, laughing with Muff and Bones, committee chairman, Rooters club.

Ambition: Quarterback of Western Mustangs, business administration.

Pd: Water boy at Queens.

PETER "SHINY" CAMPBELL

Actual: Senior football, hockey manager, committee, Mr. Murray's business class, talking and laughing, Polikon Club.

Ambition: Aluminum window salesman with Alcoa of Ontario.

Pd: Mortician's helper.

DOUG CLARKE

Actual: Mikado, senior rugby, orfun basketball, Rooters.

Ambition: Millionaire farmer.

Pd: Singing cowboy songs.

Fs: "To Hell with it."

SAM "SAMBO" COOK

Actual: Senior soccer, 30 club, manager of senior hockey.

Ambition: Banker.

Pd: Permanent treasurer for the 30 club.

ALVIN "SPADES" DEAL

Actual: From the West, committee, senior soccer, basketball, talking to Smize, trig., Polikon Club.

Pd: Ten more years at Pickering.

ROGER "BLOOD" DONER

Actual: senior basketball, track, auctions, sleeping, 30 club.

Ambition: Engineering at Queens.

Pd: Milkman Kirkland Lake Dairy.

OSCAR "I OBJECT" DONER

Actual: Senior football, Cracker humour man, euchre, arguing with Mr. McLaren, 30 Club.

Ambition: Dentistry at U. of T.

Pd: Water boy at Queens.

STAN "BONES" DRESSER

Actual: Senior football, Rooters, school committee, senior basketball.

Ambition: Teacher.

Pd: Warringdale.

Fs: "I'll never tell".

DICK ELSTON

Actual: Manager of senior football, orfun basketball, 30 Club, track and field.

Ambition: Chartered accountant.

Pd: Town clerk.

Fs: "Muffdiver!"

JIM "J. G." GORDON

Actual: Senior soccer, senior hockey, geometry, Ford plant, funny sayings e.g. "You are possibly the greatest guy in the school". Polikon club.

Ambition: Own the Ford Motor Company.

Pd: President of General Motors.

BOB "PROFESSOR" GRAY

Actual: Senior soccer, sport's day participant.

Ambition: Engineer.

Pd: Engineer.

Fs: — b + 4ac squared.

BOB "KNOBBY" KENNEDY

Actual: Senior rugby, orfun basketball, Rooters.

Ambition: Insurance and real estate.

Pd: Locating homes for broken families.

BARRY LEVINE

Actual: Senior football, intramurals.

Ambition: Restaurant owner.

Pd: Soda jerk.

JIM "FAT MAN" MACLEAN

Actual: Senior football, senior hockey (captain), committee, the West, sleeping, rolling to classes, Rooter's secretary.

Ambition: Meds at Queens.

Pd: Steam roller on roads department of North Bay.

RON MCINTOSH

Actual: Senior soccer and hockey, softball, Sport's Day.

Ambition: Business man.

Pd: Sarnia bum.

Fs: "Who knows!"

LARRY "DUD" McMULLEN

Actual: Senior football, Rooters, track and field, president of student committee, senior hockey, softball.

Ambition: Engineer.

Pd: Engineer on a railroad.

Fs: "Smize you wire."

visitors day

AT SEVEN FIFTEEN A.M. ON SATURDAY the eighteenth of November 1955 the student body was aroused from *their* deep slumber by the blowing of trumpets and the howling of a few excited students. This task was actually meant to be performed by the student committee but apparently a few felt that this body was unable to manage the job alone. All of the students awoke and got out of their beds by seven thirty A.M. and when the bell rang for breakfast a solemn line of dreamy faced students filed down the stairs and in to the breakfast hall. After breakfast all students returned to their habitual abodes and cleaned them up. At approximately 10.30 A.M. a check was made by the housemaster on the rooms to see if they were in presentable condition. When this section of the school cleaning was completed many students found themselves obliged to help in cleaning windows and setting up the class rooms.

At one thirty P.M. the school was ready to receive its many friends and visitors. There were displays of all types of school work in the classrooms. There was a basketball game at 3.00 and our team was defeated by P.C.'s notorious Old Boys; there was a brilliant display of gymnastics in the gym; there was a debate in the Assembly followed by a delicious buffet style meal in the dining hall. After the meal the Dramatic Club presented "Escapade" on the stage and this was well done by the boys. At ten all was finished and the visitors and friends departed leaving us with the impression that the day had been a success and all had enjoyed it.

—J. KING

activities



the dramatic club

EARLY IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER a few dramatically minded students got together in the Common Room to decide on the play which they would present on Parent's Day this year. The decision was "Escapade", which is the story of three brothers who run away from their boarding school, steal a plane, and fly to Luxemburg; from there the oldest son stows away on a boat until he arrives in Venice to present his proposal for peace to the special commission of the United Nations, which was meeting there.

Meanwhile his father is thoroughly disgusted with him, for he feels that if this gets into the papers it will ruin his chance to get the Author's Peace Manifesto signed. Mr. John Hampden, the father, is unaware of the cause which has forced his three sons to fly away and he feels it was "probably because the meals were bad in this term". His wife Stella, who is ready to leave him, has John worried about the whole affair, for she is sure at least one of their sons is dead. John's mother, Mrs. Hampden, and a schoolboy, Daventry (Long Wave), and another pupil, Charles Paton, are sure that everything is all right. The headmaster of the school blames the entire fault on Mr. and Mrs. Hampden's sons. A reporter, Deeson, by name, is responsible for rescuing the boys by way of his paper's "vast network" of spies, all of whom are in the pay of the Daily Gazette.

The cast were as follows. Stella Hampden was charmingly played by Pat Brown; Mrs. Hampden was comically done by Jim Gordon; Peter Henderson, Mr. Hampden's cousin, was done by Bob Macklin; William Saxon and a Press Photographer were played by Bill Taylor; Sir Harold Cookham was portrayed by Danny Goldstick; John Hampden was played by Brant Wilson; Walters, a

man meeting with Hampden, was Peter Newberry; the Headmaster, Dr. Skillingsworth, was played by Brian Blackstock; Miss Betts, his secretary, was Barbara Thompson; Paton, a schoolboy was played by Rolph Davis; Daventry, another schoolboy, was executed by Simon Dew; the reporter, Andrew Deeson, was done by Garry Price, and his stenographer was played by Carol Hurst.

The sets were designed and executed by Doug Cockburn, together with Paul Feldman (Stage Manager), Nick Ayre, David Beer, David Cameron, John Pudifoot, John Renwick, Gordon Wilson and Dane Wray. This production crew had also arranged lighting and properties, and the direction was done by Mr. F. D. L. Stewart.

The play was well done and ran smoothly during its two night run. We particularly remember the portrayals of Garry Price, Simon Dew, and Brian Blackstock; the rest of the cast did very well in what is a taxing production. We congratulate Mr. Stewart on his direction and rest confident that the same high standard of production will be continued in the future.

—DON HARRIS

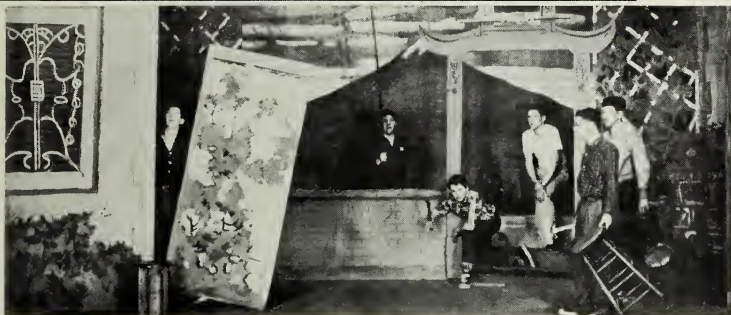
the Mikado

THE LIGHTS DIM, THE EXCITED HUM DIES DOWN, and to the first tinkling bars of the opening chorus the curtains open on a delightful new world where solemn Japanese noblemen move about in typical Japanese attitudes against a typically picturesque oriental setting. The gay scene, the colourful costumes, the quaint humour, and the matchless music of the beloved Mikado, all combine to make a memorable production of this, the twenty-fourth annual presentation of Gilbert and Sullivan at Pickering.

Under their unfamiliar garb and grease paint, these "gentlemen of Japan"

teen





are none other than a dozen Pickering students in disguise, members of our own Glee Club. The "little maids from school" chorus of ladies includes several staff wives and young ladies from Newmarket. Majestie in the title role of the Mikado himself is Simon Dew, zealously attended by his faithful guards Nip and Nik. Brant Wilson sings the demading part of Nanki-Poo, a wandering minstrel in love with Yum-Yum, the ward of Ko-Ko, the Lord High Executioner. Brian Blackstock plays superbly "that haughty youth", Pooh-Bah, Lord High Everything Else while Don Harris adds considerable vitality and humour to the role of Pish-Tush.

The "three little maids", played by Mary-Lou Cunningham as the beautiful Yum-Yum, Helen Schroeder as the arch Pitti-Sing, and our own Barbara Thompson as the demure Peep-Bo, made a charming trio. In the parts of Ko-Ko and Katisha, Ray Carl and Anna MacDonald make a perfect comedy team who bring down the house in their final duet of reconciliation "There is beauty in the billow of the blast." Of course, everything ends happily "with song and dance" as the curtains close for the last time on the little town of Titipu.

When the curtains open for a final bow, the audience applauds its congratulations to the director Mr. Digby Peers, to the principals and chorus, and to the stage crew and all others behind the scenes who helped to make the production a success. General opinion felt it was a good show; one with many faults and failings, doubtless, which always seem magnified to the performers but which often pass unnoticed by the kindly and tolerant audience.

The curtains close once more, the spell is broken, and the audience hurries out, eagerly hugging memories to their bosoms and humming snatches of "Tit Willow". The fever of excitement is already a thing of the past, a rapidly fading memory to be rekindled in later years by an occasional glance at an old photograph or the chance perusal of an old copy of the *Voyageur* 1955-56.

—AL McLAY



hallowe'en

ON THIS GLORIOUS OCCASION, WE SAW THE BETTER SIDE of our handsome members. Creative genius and sheer artistry touched with imagination took us from our books as we put on our costumes and made up for the party.

During the course of the meal, served by the staff, many of us looked at each other, laughed, sang, and had a generally good time. Once more the impresario of "Alouette", Garry Price, highlighted the evening with his rocking version.

As far as the costumes were concerned, the Beacon (FDLS) won the most applause with his creation, specially designed for the occasion.

The focusing point of the evening took place on the stage, where future valuable N.B.C. property, namely "Silent" Jack Posluns, gave various perfected noises—he's not the only one around here, but he's the first, and that's something.

The skits were well executed by staff and students, and it was hard to tell which happy little group did the best, but terrific jobs were done by all. Also, the "Talented Few" swaying with their Bamboo-Bungalow and Five-Foot-Two rocking versions, were well done.

This writer's choice for the most versatile student, Brant Wilson, gave an interesting pantomime of "Chloe", again well done.

Then on the screen came Lloyd Bridges and Moira Lister in the "Limping Man", a release of some two years past; this climaxed the evening.

All told this year's Hallowe'en was one of the Best Times of the Year, and it is hoped that more of the same calibre will follow.

—DON HARRIS

dances

THE ALL-TEEN DANCE

ON FEBRUARY 25 THE LOCAL AND COLLEGE GUYS and their gals all met in the Pickering College gym for our All-Teen dance. Social convenor Brant Wilson and his staff arranged the recorder and lighting, making for an enjoyable gathering.

An intermission provided the dancers with some enjoyable entertainment; the "talented few" swung into action with some odd and cool arrangements. The Toscanini group this time included John Brownlee, Dick Elson, Garry Smith, Larry McMullen, Laurie Sewell, and "the Tose" himself, Big Brant. A special treat was given by our answer to Dean Martin, Earle Zinneman. His repertoire included "Sway", a general chorus on "16 Tons", and finally, "O Mein Papa".

Our dancing resumed. There followed a bunny-hop among other forms of dancing all totalling a good time.

Credits for the dance go mainly to Brant Wilson and Earle Zinneman. Both were terrific.

—DON HARRIS

HAVERGAL DANCE

AN EVENING TO RANK IN OUR HISTORY was that of November twelfth when about fifty lovelies from Havergal College graciously entered our doors to dance with our own gents. The dance started with arranged couples together for the first two numbers, followed by a "Paul Jones", and then everyone was on their own for the rest of the evening.

During the intermission, the "Talented Few" gave more examples of their talent (?), and then left the house open to a sing-song, starting with the Price rendition of "Alouette".

Following the intermission more dancing took place. This was briefly and pleasantly interrupted with a piano solo by a Havergal student.

At 11:30 the four-wheeled hustlers took the ladies back to their own school, climaxing a full evening of social activity.

Credit for the dance go to the Committee, Social Convenor Jim MacLean, and to the Ayre-Feldman combo on the records. Many of the students hope for a return dance with Havergal in the future — this one was terrific.

FOOTBALL DANCE

AFTER MANY HOURS OF DECORATING AND PREPARING the school auditorium was finally presentable for the annual Football Dance. The decorations were on the theme of the successful undefeated Senior Squad and all the other teams which made this year a standout.

You could sense the mood of gaiety and excitement as the couples danced to the vibrant tones of Jim Sasking's band from the University of Toronto. Prizes were won by John Brownlee, Brant Wilson, and their femmes. Many old boys returned for the occasion and it was said more than once that it was the best dance yet.

In closing, we would like to thank the committee, and decorators, and the Social Convenor who provided a good evening as a climax to a good season.

—DOUG CLARKE

SPRING FORMAL DANCE

THE SPRING FORMAL is a dance held annually, every year, in the Spring. It is a formal dance in which music is provided, this year by Hal Haskell and his Rhythm-Flivvers who provided the music. There was a great deal of dancing done on the auditorium floor by both members of both sexes amidst the delicate, dark, sensuous scenery of Mr. Al Jewell who designed and executed the scenery. Spotted between the dances being danced on the shiny floor of the auditorium by the members dancing were competitions, snacks, and refreshments for those not dancing and for those, dancing, who wished an excuse to quit dancing for just a little while. These are usually provided at dances because the activity is strenuous requiring fuel and this fuel is found within the snacks and refreshments, but not in the competitions) which were served at this Spring Formal. The competitors can then return to the combat, which is the dancing, renewed and refreshed in vigour. As can be seen it was a wonderful Spring Formal and we all hope that another annual one is held next year in the Spring.

—BAL GALLAGHER

the chapel

*Beneath the stream, shallow and light, of what we say we are;
Beneath the stream, as light, of what we think we are,
There flows, with noiseless current, obscure and deep,
The central stream of what we are indeed.*

—MATTHEW ARNOLD

MATTHEW ARNOLD'S BOYHOOD WORSHIP in Rugby Chapel certainly differed in form from Sunday evening meetings at Pickering College; it is undoubtedly true, however, that in both situations an attempt was made to examine, purify and enrich the "central stream" of which he speaks above. The Christian life was considered from many points of view—those of staff, students, and visitors—and the ideas presented were complimented by readings gleaned from great and good men of other generations and societies.

The Headmaster took as his text for the opening service of the School year, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven"; he thus established a high note of aspiration and idealism related to the life and work of the school which he effectively reiterated in January, challenging us with concept of "The Good Future". At the reception service for new students, Mr. David P. Rogers, vice-chairman of the Board of Management, read the lesson from the Macklin Bible proffered to him by Dale Boyce; on this occasion Mr. Beer spoke to the school motto, *Bene provisā principia ponantur*. At Christmas and Easter he shared with the school his meditations on the great Christian mysteries; the singing of Mrs. Beer, members of the Glee Club, and the First House Choir added greatly to these services. Against the background of the year's endeavours, the Graduating Class were reminded by the Headmaster at the closing service of the responsibilities inherent in the "Athenian Youth's Declaration of Citizenship" when he entitled his address "Thus in all these ways. . . ."

Once again we are happy to express our gratitude to Sunday evening visitors who have enlarged our vision by reviewing for the school the religious convictions behind their varying experiences of life. Under the title "A Concern for Pakistan", Dorothy Starr, of the Society of Friends, described in frank and moving personal terms her work with the needy in that country. Later in the year, after a service marking Brotherhood Week, Mr. Wallace Forgie gave an illustrated talk to the school on his children's camp near Madras in India. Rabbi Eisen of Holy Blossom Temple was again a welcome guest; he spoke to the school on "Preparing to Live Creatively". The religious conviction as well as the musical skill of the McMaster University Quartette were impressive; Mr. Walter Klaasser explained how the group came to be formed, and Mr. Howard Johnston gave a searching address entitled, "What's your Purpose?" An equally stimulating question was discussed by Mr. C. Le-Roy Jones, of the Toronto Yearly Meeting: "Do Ye Even So To Them?" Reverend R. Stuart

Johnston, of Newmarket, already a good friend of many students in the Preparatory Department with whom he did some work during the winter term, met the whole school in Chapel when he posed the question "What does it mean to be great?"

Two Old friends returned, familiar with the school as former student and member of the staff respectively: Mr. Duncan Cameron chose as his title "He who would be free", while Mr. Eugene A. Cherniak probed the fundamentals of human happiness under the heading "Acquiring a secret".

The value of an exchange of ideas and ideals among members of the College community has long been part of the Chapel tradition. Mr. Stewart and Mr. Blackstock chose phrases inspired by the Headmaster's opening text to summarize their thinking: "Your Good Works" and "Keeper of the Light". The challenge suggested by the phrase "Unto whom much is given" was presented by Mr. McLaren, and Mr. Arnold told of his spiritual exploration relevant to St. Paul's expression, "through a glass, darkly". A most stimulating topic was developed by Dr. Bernhardt: "Attaining Maturity". Mr. Murray gave us the benefit of his thinking and experience in "This business of living", and Mr. Jackman spoke with wit and wisdom of "The man who could do no wrong".

In their position as leaders of the student body, the members of the School Committee make each year a unique and telling contribution to "Chapel at Pickering". Larry McMullen discussed "The Value of Friendship"; Alvin Deal described, as he saw it, "Youth's Eternal Quest", Stan Dresser chose as his title "Rise Up and Walk"; and Brant Wilson brought new light to bear on an idea treasured at Pickering, "No Man is an Island". In the second service conducted by the Committee, Jim MacLean gave the school "Some Thoughts on Living"; Peter Campbell described "The Strange Adventure"; Bob Kennedy spoke of "Looking Through Two Commandments"; and Jim King took as his forceful title, "Perfection".

Mr. Peers' musical contribution preceding and during the services was much appreciated.

invitation clubs



the polikon club

"Mr. Speaker . . . I am opposed . . . Let me say at this time . . . and furthermore . . ." — an honourable member at any meeting.

WHAT IS THE POLIKON CLUB? Despite all propaganda to the contrary we are really a very fine bunch of fellows. Ask any of us. And everybody knows that we are the most respected old club in the school. But just what are we? We are a debating club who take the form of our meetings from that of our brothers at Ottawa.

You see, the founders of our Polikon Club in their wisdom observed that whereas everybody talks thousands of words a day, long and short, sparkling dialogue and useless chatter, very few people have ever paid much attention to their talk. Hence the Polikon Club.

That is what we are dedicated to; that is what we specialize in. We seek to cultivate the art of fine and fancy talking. Really, you have never guessed how much fun talking can be unless you have tried it. And if the Polikon experience gives you some assurance and pose for life, so much the better.

This year we ripped through such debates as "Resolved that in the opinion of this House, Capitol Punishment, Cyprus, Peter Townshend . . . etc., etc.

As you can easily see the Polikon member is a person better informed about the world than anybody else around. Certainly he is better than the products of some of our other clubs who had had to resort to a campaign of low defamation to hide their feeling of inferiority. I shall not mention any names although the 30 Club deserves it.

This year, also, the Polikon Club took a trip to Toronto where we participated with some other schools in a model U. N. Assembly deciding what to do with the world.

Much refreshed from the whole experience, we remain,

Yours, etc.,

THE POLIKON CLUB
per DAN GOLESTICK

the rooters club

THE ROOTERS UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF RUDY RENZIUS, Keith McLaren, Ed. Richardson, and Henry Jackman, completed another successful and informative year.

Topics covering a great scope were discussed and much was gained from these discussions. Mr. McLaren led a discussion on geology. Mr. Richardson spoke on different occasions on colour blindness and chemistry. Mr. Jackman showed movies from "The World We Live In" series and Mr. Renzius showed us some metal craft over in the craft shop.

With the start of the winter term the students gave talks which covered many topics. John Brownlee spoke on alcohol; Jim Maclean on turbo cars; Broder Allan on the pulp and paper industry; Bob Kennedy on the diamond and its uses; Peter Zinkan on the Western Islands; Peter Newberry on aviation; Larry McMullen on aluminum; Addie Blankestijn on petroleum and Doug Clarke on radar. At our final meeting Ed. Richardson talked to us about university life, what to do and what not to do. This proved most interesting to those of us who are leaving this year.



A very enjoyable afternoon was spent on a field trip to De-Havilland Aircraft plant in Toronto where a guide showed us through the plant pointing out devices and methods used in the manufacture of planes.

At our final banquet Joselyn Rogers, a retired professor of U. of T. who now works in medico-legal work, spoke to us about his field of work. One thing that he stressed was that we have great opportunities in the world of to-day and that we should do our jobs well.

In closing I would like to thank our sucker-tary Jim MacLean who handled the books. Furthermore I would like to say that the Rooters will always remain the best club in the school as it was this year.

—DOUG CLARKE

the 30 club

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO THE OTHER CLUBS in the school, the 30 Club had beyond reasonable doubt most of the brilliant minds. One upright staunch member of the club, who boasts two presidencies in three terms was our honourable Charlie Bateman. Mr. Bateman has contributed an immeasurable amount of success to the meetings by his wonderful wit. Doing the honours for the treasury positions was Gary Smith, who did a fine job. Mr. Simmons, who next

year will make a fine president, was secretary for the club last term. Other terms in the year had Dick Elston for president, Oscar Doner and Art Hinds for the Treasury, and Stan Dresser and Simon Dew as Secretaries.

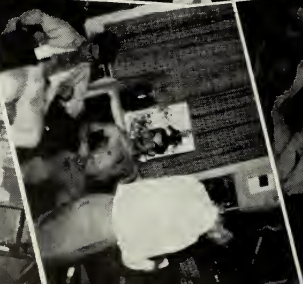
Every year the club is filled to its capacity of eighteen members. Nary does a member miss a meeting when circumstances permit it, for he knows the good entertainment and refreshments enjoyed at the meetings.

Not only did the club have entertaining sessions but also informative lectures. Some such talks were: "On India" by Miss Forsythe; "On Jazz" by Mr. Gow; "The Evolution of Man" by Anthony Frisch and Mr. Peer's version of "Classical Music".

Two outstanding highlights of the year were the trip to watch the Ford plant in operation, and a magnificent meal prepared by Mr. Stewart. Our thanks to you Mr. Stewart. The final banquet was held in May and another good year was completed.

Members of the club were Bateman, Cook, Doner and Doner, Dresser, Elston, Hinds, Little, Moffat, Simmons, Smith, Mr. Murray, Mr. Stewart, Roger Wilson, Porter, Dew, Noy, Hales, and Mr. Odney.





old boys' association

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Committee

GEORGE BENNESS

HARRY PEACE

ALLAN ROGERS

AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING on March 1st, 1956, the above officers were elected for the coming year. Preceding the meeting a comparatively large turnout of Old Boys had matched their prowess in hockey and basketball against the school teams with honours evenly divided among old time and present day students. The school's first team won in both hockey and basketball and the Old Boys were only able to prove their superiority against the younger second teams. As is usually the case, what the Old Boys lacked in physical condition they made up for in their obvious enjoyment in reliving by-gone glories.

The Spring meeting took the form of the annual golf tournament for the Kay C. Woods Trophy, the Masters vs. Old Boys softball game for the Robert E. K. Rourke Cup and an informal dinner and dance. The Golf Trophy this year was won by John Young and the masters won the baseball Cup which is donated each year to the losers of the annual game. The evening was enlivened by square dancing interspersed by draws for prizes, generously donated by many Old Boys.

We wish to express our thanks to President Henry and his Executive and offer our congratulations to the new members elected this year. The Old Boys have done much for Pickering in the past and it is good to learn that they are planning to continue to add improvements to their Alma Mater.

births

Mr. & Mrs. William Buck—a daughter, Caroline Ruth—August 14, 1955.

Mr. & Mrs. Ross Daboll—a daughter, Jayne—February 25th, 1956.

Mr. & Mrs. Duncan Haskell—a daughter—August 24th, 1955.

Mr. & Mrs. Miles Keenleyside—a son, Joel Hugh—October 18th, 1955.

Mr. & Mrs. Sven Thomsen—a daughter, Louisa Anne—December 14, 1955.

marriages

Barry Moffat—Marilyn Jane Mills—December 28, 1955 at Gananoque, Ont.

Bill Robinson—Ailsa Telfer in St. John's Church, York Mills.

Herbert Cook—Kathryn McKenzie in New York.

literary

the hard life of Henry Lushwell

HIS NAME WAS HENRY LUSHWELL. For twenty-five years he had been married to Martha. During this time Martha had been his whole support. She told him what to wear, what to say and for the past three years had almost told him what to think.

Henry was a book-keeper for a small machine shop and consequently was part of the middle-class. He had long since forgotten the great ambitions of youth and to everyone seemed quite content having his wife running his life.

Henry rose each morning at eight o'clock by the call of his wife, had a shave and arrived at the table at eight seventeen. While eating, his wife would straighten his tie while complaining about the ragged look of his suit. She would say that she wanted this and that up town and she would break his neck if he forgot anything. All Henry would reply was "Yes, dear". As long as he could remember he had left the house hearing the same stern words each morning. Everyone, at least in our neighbourhood, pitied Henry because he seemed to lead a dog's life at the hands of his wife. Henry usually arrived at his desk with just five minutes to spare, commenced his work, stopped for a half hour lunch, then worked right through until he heard the five o'clock whistle blow. Then he would put on his hat and coat and leave his office. He would pick up the articles specified by his wife and return home. Immediately his wife would tell him that he had bought the wrong things. Much like a dejected dog he would sit at the supper table amid the eternal bellyaching of his wife.

Martha had always suffered from a weak heart and much to the surprise of all of us we found that she had died. We all waited with great expectancy hoping that Henry would change because the great yoke of his life had finally been dropped.

The day after the funeral, Henry arrived home from work and instead of the usual package of groceries, he carried something that looked much like a bottle. During the night we heard great joyous sounds coming from Henry's quite little grey house. The next morning he did not leave his house at the time we had grown accustomed to him leaving. For four days there seemed to be no life in the house. Finally along with some of the neighbours I entered the house.

Henry was lying with a knife in his stomach and a picture of the wife who had treated him so cruelly clutched in his small white hand.

—JOHN BROWNLEE

the winds of doctrine *

BEING AN ESSAY IN VERY, VERY BLANK VERSE

*"I think we ought to abolish Socialism, Communism, and all
isms except Americanism."*

—An un-Canadian politician.

Oh,

Socialism, Communism!

You can't abolish isms as the politicians say.

Magnetism, syllogism, journalism,

They're part of our human way of life.

Heroism, dogmatism, criticism.

We people are at bottom pretty well the same—we are believers, in

Protestantism, Catholicism, humanism, Rumanianism.

We are dyed-in-the-wool ism-izers, we make up isms like

Front-Parlourism, Back-Parlourism, Anti-Parlourism.

Its in our very nature. But why? What is the purpose, of

Ruskinism, Deweyism, Brownlecism?

There is an answer: When all these isms have knocked about, and had their say
and fought it out, such as

Evolution, retributionism, Rosicrucianism,

We do believe without a doubt the Right shall be triumphant,

Egoism, cynicism, anti-humanitarianism.

Vicious errors cannot last. Not

Me-tooism so-are-youism, bend-the-knee-and-like-shocism

Only the best survive the blast.

It cannot yet be determined for sure which isms belong on this line

All of them have good and bad in varying quantities (e.g.

Hybernism, modernism, patriotism).

They all can to our knowledge add, and so improvement comes,

Copernicanism, Victorianism, Roarianism.

So when you're deciding a matter of fact, your consideration is never complete on

Mesmerism, capitalism, pantheism).

Until you've heard from

Jimism, Billism, Jackism.

So what will it be; what'll come of all this

Agrarianism, vegetarianism, secartianism?

Will it be peace, Truth, and all we hope for, or

Nihilism?

Let's make it Truth, because (with

Meliorism, humanism, optimism, realism)

You can't abolism isms as the politicians say.

—*This neat little phrase shows the stroke of a master,
It seems to make the whole poem go faster;
I stole it from Milton
Who took it from the Holy Writ.

criticism

LATELY A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE supposed to know have been criticising Canadian secondary schools and students—they have said and continue to say that high school students, substitute the memorized opinions of their teachers for intelligent thought. An example of criticism in this vein was pinned on the bulletin board during the school year.

It is true that in many secondary schools students are compelled to agree in the classroom and the examination room with their teachers, but to say that this forced concurrence kills the student's ability to think and robs him of his own ideas and beliefs shows a marked lack of confidence in the youth of Canada.

Usually emphasised in a critical report on high schools is a lack of fundamental knowledge; in the same animadversion the critic generally turn around and says the high schools censure the students attempts at original thinking. These two ideas appear to be incompatible, for if a student is not allowed to think for himself he is usually filled with the thoughts of his teachers (who must follow text books and courses) and is therefore forced to absorb the fundamentals.

Another favourite criticism we feel is unjust is that of the student's inability to express himself in class. If this is true it is not a criticism of secondary schools alone, but rather of our whole society, for it would seem to indicate that we cannot speak the Queen's English.

Most high school students can think for themselves as is shown by school committees throughout the nation but if they are placed in a position where they must agree with their teachers to pass they will do so, however they will hold fast to their own thoughts and they will have learned in an emphatic manner what to expect when they graduate and are confronted with the high-pressure or subtle tactics used by advertising, politicians, newspapers and radio.

We realize that the topic of this article does not specifically concern us here at Pickering where we are encouraged to think for ourselves. It is a subject for careful scrutiny by all Canadians.

—CHARLES BATEMAN

PURELY COINCIDENTAL

*The teacher taught his lessons
Till he knew them all by heart,
And he thought that there was nothing
That could ever make him start;
He knew his three-times table,
And the root of minus one;
In fact he was unable
To see what more he could have done,
And the sad part is the fact
That though the life he lived was long
There was never ever anyone
Who ever proved him wrong.*

LAMENT

*I could sing a brave song
On the shore of the sea,
Where the breakers are pounding
And you're there with me —
We could both sing a melody
 hearty and strong;
In that situation
What could go wrong?*

*But you're in the city
And I'm up at school,
And these are the wishes
That come from a fool;
And I'm not really sure, as I sing
 by the sea,
That you really want
To be singing with me.*

the wealth of a student

DURING MY EDUCATION IN THE PAST TWO YEARS I have become increasingly aware that anyone's character is based on a thirst for knowledge. Most boys my age are just coming to a turning-point in their lives. We are faced with a problem, on which depends our welfare for the rest of our time on the earth. We have a choice; it is either walking along a path that is quite safe and straight or walking through dense woods which are full of danger and curves. Most of us would readily pick the first one because in the long run it would cause us the least trouble. The whole problem, however, is finding this path. Consequently many of us give up hope and since only the other way is open we take it. The only way to find the right path is by education.

A student in our modern day considers an education to be a must, not because he receives enjoyment from it but because he has been told the only way he can succeed is to have had five years high school. This is a dandy ultimatum to put forward to a person in an elementary grade because it should at least be given a try, but to a person of high school standing it is absurd.

In receiving an education I find myself much like a boy looking under stones. Just as a boy must grow before he is powerful enough to lift stones to satisfy the curiosity which invades him as to what is under the stone. Then as he lifts stones he becomes more interested. Soon stones become tremendously large and he finds himself unable to lift them. This is much like learning; one's lungs can never be completely satisfied. It is a type of unattainable goal.

In our day we receive a privilege that is called individuality because this is stressed by our teachers. Eventually we feel it is possible to stand for an ideal not simply because we have been swayed by superiors or superior numbers but because we have the true feeling of living.

In all, the student of our present times is rich because he can express his feelings quite liberally and he need not be afraid of the masses calling him a fanatic. Although his opinions run contrary to the public's, it is not necessary that he hide them. Entering into this reasonable civilization is a wealth present-ed to each school-boy that to this ancestors had not been given.

—JOHN BROWNLEE

preparatory department

C. R. BLACKSTOCK, B.Sc., *Director*

W. H. JACKMAN, *Housemaster*

RUDAY PENZIUS, *Crafts*
JIM FORBES

A. H. JEWELL
ART HINDS

DIGBY PEERS, *Music*
KARL ODNEY

THE PREP SCHOOL has been again finished another excellent year and the story of it, both large and small, can be found in the Firth House newspaper, The Pickering Prep Press, which records with often quite remarkable succinctness the events of the year. The Voyageur congratulated the Pickering Prep Press on its sixteenth year of publication and herein presents extracts from that paper which it feels tells the story perhaps better than any official biography sodden with generalities and brittle with false good cheer.

AT THE START of the school year a sofa for the First House library was purchased. The sofa was green in colour and had a leatherette appearance. The cushions contained foam rubber and were very comfortable. All in all, the sofa was very nice and added greatly to the appearance of the room.

This was a gift of the school and everyone decided that it would be well worth while to buy another matching one from money that we raised and from contributions. The price of a new sofa would be one hundred and eighty dollars and, although a large part of this money has already been raised, there is still a need for more.

ON SUNDAY, May 20th, we enjoyed our last Prep Chapel with Mr. Blackstock. He read chapters from the Bible and we sat and listened. Then, after the Prep was dismissed from chapel, we got into our pajamas and listened to our radios. Then our lights were put out and we went to bed.

Through the year there have been quite a few Prep chapels. We go into senior common room and move the chairs to the sides and Mr. Blackstock sits at the head of the room.

Sometimes he reads out of a Bible which was donated to the Prep by an Old Boy.
—DOUG CAMERON

In September the school got a new piano. We had an old one in the prep Library, but it got more abused than used. So, the school got a new one for the classroom. Now, when we have music, Mr. Peers comes in and he plays the piano while we sing.

—Dave Simpson

ON THE NIGHT of Tuesday, May 8th, after study, the pupils of grade seven and eight along with some seniors and staff, were invited to see some plays. The plays were put on by dramatic actors from grades nine and ten.

The first play called "The Hill's My Home" was put on by grade nine and was about a war incident that took place in North Wales and showed how the war affected a certain family.

The other two plays were both put on by grade ten. The first of the two was a Scottish story called "The Pardoners Tale" and took place in an inn, where three Scots sat talking about a headless horseman.

The last of the plays called "Minnie Field" took place in a country farmhouse. The story was built around a death that had taken place. The lighting effects in this play were very good and in my opinion it was the best play of the three although all the plays were good.

ON A SATURDAY AFTERNOON about three months ago, a bird watch took place here at Pickering. There were about three hundred and fifty people attending it. They belonged to a club called "Audobon" and they were sponsored by the Telegram.

One of Walt Disney's photographers was there showing pictures. A few of the boys here at Pickering acted as guides. They guided different parties over the farm; they saw many birds. Most people had cameras with which they took pictures of the different birds.

THE SATURDAY BEFORE LEAVING for the Christmas holidays, we had a pyjama party. All the boys in the Prep came down to Mr. Jackman's apartment to listen to Christmas carols. We had sandwiches, then went into the library to sing the well-known Huron Christmas carol. Mr. Peers was there to help start the carols. Mr. Blackstock was there with Mrs. Blackstock to help sing.

We had coke, and then went to bed to listen to the hockey game, till lights were out. All in all, I think the Prep had a very enjoyable evening.

—Ian Sword



ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON in November the minister of the Presbyterian Church invited some boys to a tea party. It was a surprise to us, because we hardly ever get to a tea party. We got all dressed up in our good clothes and got started.

When we got there, Mrs. Johnson answered the door and we went in. We talked till Mr. Johnson came home from giving flowers to the sick. They had a T.V. in the house, so he said we could watch "Lassie"; it was very exciting. Then we went upstairs and got washed before we had supper.

For supper, we had cheeseburgers and some cokes. Then we had ice cream and cake and cookies. It was a very good meal and we thanked Mrs. Johnson for it. After supper, we washed the grease off our hands and went downstairs again and watched "Father Knows Best" on T. V. Then we had to go back to school.

When we put on our coats we thanked them for the nice tea party and started for home. When we went off the veranda it was teaming rain so we ran back to school. We all had a good time at the Johnsons.

—Robert Lorimer

ON FRIDAY, JUNE 1ST, the Prep held their closing banquet. It is started at 6:30 in Firth House library, with tomato-cucumber cocktails, and then at 7:00 we went over to the senior dining room for chicken dinner. Everybody had a menu card, made by Mr. Jewell with the help of grades four, five and six.

After dinner Jim Walker, chairman of the House Committee called on Larry McMullen, chairman of the Senior School Committee who presented Mr. Jewell with a book of art, in appreciation of his decorating for school events. Then Jim called on Mr. Jackson to introduce the guest speaker, Mr. Nason, vice-principal of Kipling Grove School in Etobicoke. He gave us a very interesting talk about education out of school. Mr. Blackstock expressed thanks to the speaker after which we ended up with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

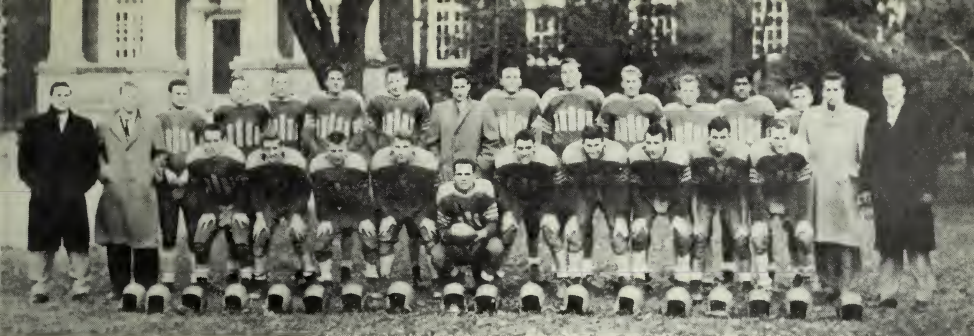
—Duncan McCallum

ON THE NORTH FIELD we have a pre-fab hockey rink and this is the second winter we have had it. We have free skating for about half an hour and then there is hockey practices for the team. On Saturday nights we have the ice for free skating, or sometimes we have a game of hockey. So we can see, they put up a flood-light and we have a changing room with a stove, so we can put on our skates in comfort.

—Ted Neely

IN OUR CLASSROOM, which is grades seven and eight, we have a radio period to which we listen every morning at ten o'clock or quarter after ten; it all depends on what kind of program it is, because there are two kinds of programmes. One is about science and the other is about geography. Each day there is a program for each grade. We enjoy it very much because it is nice to listen and to know it is very interesting.

—David Barzily



athletics

senior football

I AM SURE THAT ALL OF US HERE AT PICKERING will agree that this has been a great football season. One to remember. The season started with Pickering travelling to Markham. Despite our somewhat discouraging playing the Markham boys took their showers with a 22-0 loss. The following Saturday we were at Thornhill. This time we played good football and the scoring ended with Pickering on top 25-0. On Tuesday of the following week we had our work pretty well cut out for us in order to keep Newmarket off the score sheet and at the same time put up twelve points ourselves. But as usual the boys came through and did just that. After this the fellows really got behind the ball and we were one big machine. The heads began to fall in earnest: Ridley 0, P.C. 25; Markham 0, P.C. 40; Thornhill 5, P.C. 45. Then on Wednesday October twelfth came the big one of the year the St. Andrew's game! The Saints are a hard team to beat and they forced us back the whole first quarter until they finally scored on an off tackle play from about the six yard line. The convert was broken up. When we changed ends the score was 5-0 SAC.

The second quarter was a see-saw affair. The dying moments of the half found us deep in the Saints end. Finally on the last play of the half Broder Allen our right halfback took the ball on the twelve yard line and behind some beautiful blocking ran the left end for a T.D. Brownlee kicked for the convert. At half time the score was Pickering 6, SAC 5. In the third quarter Brownlee carried the ball over on a quarter back sneak from about the three yard line for our second major. This time the Saints broke up the convert. The score board was Pickering 11, St. Andrews 5. Bob Kennedy carried the ball over in the last quarter on an off tackle play for the clincher. Final score Pickering College 16, St. Andrews 5. I'm sure anyone who saw this classic will agree it was one of the best games ever played on Memorial Field.

We then played Grove. The Grove boys battled very hard and they scored the first touchdown. We then scored two in a row. When the final whistle went we were deep in our own end but we had the ball which I can't help thinking was lucky for us. So I think a pat on the back should go to Grove for a very aggressive hard hitting team. Score P.C. 11, Grove 6. We then finished off the season with the following victories: over Newmarket 22-0; over Appleby 19-6.

In all this has been a memorable season that will not soon be forgotten by the team or those who saw them in action. As with last year's unbeaten team chief credit for our success must go to Don Menard our coach and to his assistants Garry Price and Jim Forbes.



Bantams



Juniors

Thirty-eight

junior football

THIS YEAR'S JUNIOR FOOTBALL TEAM, while not as consistent as the Seniors, displayed at times great skill and "heart". The line was a rugged unit built around "little" Rich Simmons, John Bayne and Alf Hales. The backfield had as a nucleus Tony Allan, Bruce Andrews, and George Ratz. Around these players a good team was built, ably coached by Mr. Richardson and Mr. A. McLay, but the inconsistency that was inherent in the team prevented it from being top-notch

bantam football

THE BANTAM FOOTBALL TEAM IS USUALLY composed of those who have never played on a team or with those who have only had one year's experience; this year's team was no exception.

Our coaches were Mr. Gow and Mr. Murray and they both gave it everything they had although at times our team lacked spirit and drive. They never gave up on us but always tried to rekindle our spirit.

At quarterback we had Dave Beer and Ken MacDonald; both proved to be capable quarterbacks who, when we were behind, tried to lift our spirits. On the line Gary Marr, John Renwick, and Tim Wilkins, constantly were a threat to the opposition, and the fiery thrusting of Dalt Pratt and Rolph Davis at the ends also was a thorn in the enemy's side.

In the backfield Bob MacDonald, when he got loose, usually gained lots of yardage as did Dave Rivers who was also snap and kicker. Ron Hons was a fine player and when put to the test gave it everything he had. The fullbacks were Charlie Beer and Dave Simpson.

At the beginning of the year we elected a Captain and an Assistant Captain. They were respectively Charlie Beer and Ray Monks.

Even though our record (won 4 and lost 9) wasn't too impressive I think most of the fellows on the team enjoyed the season.

—CHARLES BEER



senior soccer

THIS YEAR'S SENIOR SOCCER TEAM at no time lost games with quite the magnificent abandon of last year's team. There were no 14-0, 13-0, 12-0 shellackings. This team scored the occasional goal, won the occasional match and showed a definite improvement in skill and spirit over its predecessor. Those veterans Addie Blankestijn, Al Deal, Ron McIntosh, along with newcomers Peter Newberry and Jim Gordon formed a solid and dependable core. Add to this Tito Fuente, Paul Clarke, Gord Wilson, Neil Kernaghan, Brian Blackstock, Sam Cook, Bob Gray, Nip and Nik, and you have the team that beat Richmond Hill and Thornhill, which held S.A.C. firsts to five goals, and which almost beat U.C.C. seconds towards the end of the season. On the whole it was a cheerful season in which our losses were not too black and which had the odd victory thrown in to give savour to the ordinary fare.



second hockey

THE SECOND HOCKEY TEAM THIS YEAR was almost as good as it was last year. Under the fine coaching of Mr. Menard we managed to subdue some of the opposing private schools. We had (of course), some good players such as Tony Allen, our captain, Sid Slaven, Peter Moret, Alex Mills, and Brian Blackstock. The long winter provided us with some good games. Our goalie Paul Feldman did a great job. Al Harincourt, Bob Gray, Laurie Sewell, Ray Monks, and Barry Boyce, also sparked the team on many occasions. Al white was one of our best players and also Simon Dew. All in all it was a good year and some of the gang should be good first team material next year.

—BRIAN BLACKSTOCK

senior hockey



DAVID CAMERON



PETER CAMBELL
MANAGER



HARRY M. BEER.
HEADMASTER



K.G. McLAREN
COACH



LARRY McMULLEN

PICKERING COLLEGE



RONALD McINTOSH.



ALEX MILLS.



JAMES McLEAN - Capt.



JAMES GORDON



GEORGE RATZ.

FIRST HOCKEY TEAM • 1956



BRODER ALLEN



JOHN BROWNLEE



PETER ZINKAN



ALFRED HALES

senior hockey team

THE 1955-56 EDITION OF THE SENIOR HOCKEY TEAM was a good representative of the school's spirit. Several times, apparently beaten, they fought back and, utilizing this fighting spirit, came out of the tussle as visitors. Probably the most apparent example of this spirit was exhibited in the second game of the annual series with St. Andrews College. Down 1 to 0 in the second period the team fought back hard and the result was Pickering's first senior hockey victory over St. Andrews in four seasons by the score of 4 to 1. Such was the stuff of which this team was made.

Broder Allan, on a line with George Ratz and Larry McMullen, emerged as the top scorer on the team with fifteen goals. The "Kid Line" of Dave Cameron, Ron McIntosh, and Alex Mills, developed into a fine unit and showed promise of becoming a big factor in years to come.

Right behind these stalwarts came the four bruising defensemen of the team, Alf Hales, Pete Zinkman, Jim Gordon, and John Brownlee. Alf Hales in particular displayed plenty of brawn and sent many an enemy attacker to the ice with bruising bodychecks. These four ice-men proved to be very capable rear guard units as well as strong offensive threats at times.

Then in goal there came the usual personage, at least for the past five years, Jim "Fat Man" MacLean. Once again Jim played some tremendous games in goal for the silver and blue and the players showed their confidence in him by appointing the fat fellow as captain. Of course a hockey team isn't complete without a manager and we know from very authoritative sources that Pete "Skinny" Campbell did a wonderful job as a cheering aid to the boys.

Then last of all, as is usually the lot of a coach, comes the top man on this year's hockey "executive", the coach, Mr. Keith McLaren. Undoubtedly, Mr. McLaren's selection for the years team was limited, as is usually the case, but he did a masterful job of coaching and the result was the team mentioned above.

It is well known fact that this year's senior hockey team was not the most successful of all time, but it can surely be said that no other team ever played as hard or gained as much from one season as did our Senior Hockey Team in 1955-56.

The results of the season's games are listed below.

SAC	7	PC	2
SAC	1	PC	4
UCC 11	1	PC	7
TCS	6	PC	1
Appleby	1	PC	6
Ridley	4	PC	2
Ashbury	6	PC	11
Grove	5	PC	4
Appleby	1	PC	7
SAC	6	PC	3
UCC 1	5	PC	2
Old Boys	3	PC	7

—LARRY MCMULLEN



third hockey team

Basketball

senior basketball

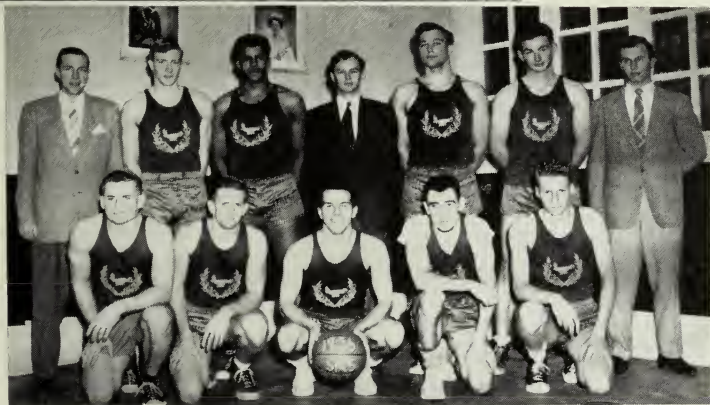
THIS YEAR WE HAD ALL THE MAKINGS of a very good basketball team but for some reason it never became the team that it could have been. We played eight games and lost five of them, some by quite wide margins. At guard we had Stu Little and Charles Bateman. On the forward line we had Jim King, Brant Wilson, Ralph Noy, Stan Dresser, Gary Smith and Roger Doner. All in all it was a fair bunch of players.

Our best game was played against Ridley which we lost 56-55. It was one of the few games from which we emerged feeling satisfied with our effort. Our coach was Ricky Arnold.

senior basketball teams

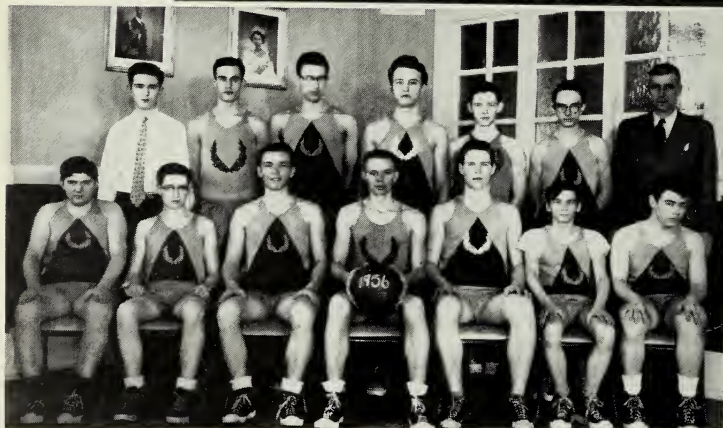


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junior basketball

THE JUNIORS PLAYED EIGHT GAMES and won two of them. The team roster included Addie Blankestijn, James Murray, Gord Wilson, Kurt Kazakoff, Nick Ayre, George Fink, Dane Wray, Doug Clarke, Doug Brown, and Ken McDonald.

The team on the whole was quite good but passing was poor; this could definitely stand improving. The team was ably coached by Mr. Blackstock.

Forty-six

softball

DURING THE SPRING TERM the Hilltop was recipient to a great influx of baseball scouts from as far away as Toronto, all come to view Pickering's three formidable teams, namely: Doner's Dunces, Noy's Boys, Zinean's Zombies and Wilson's Wonders. Only one team emerged victorious through out all the numerous frays, that being Zinean's, however, due to trifling technicalities such as the fact that the mighty nine had not played Doner's Dunces a winner was not officially declared, although nearly everyone had an opinion one way or another on who it should have been.

tennis

RAIN, WIND, OCCASIONAL SNOW, INTEMPERATE SKIES, and the collusion of the envious gods constricted the torrent of tennis this year to a mere trickle. This was unfortunate because Mr. Arnold had planned a vast and varied program of tournaments, lessons—basic and advanced, theory—strategical and tactical, which might well have made up for his noticeable short-comings of the year before. Now we are left with the pathetic hope that in some future year a summer term shall arrive in which the conjunction of fine courts, fine weather, fine players, shall carry to fruition those vast and varied plans of Mr. Arnold that now lie typed on thin paper, twenty-seven pages in length, locked securely in a filing cabinet somewhere far down in the depths of the school and marked: Future-Indefinite.

track and field

THIS WAS A FULL AND HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL YEAR for Track and Field. The first meet of the year was held April 25 between SAC and ourselves and we emerged victorious. The next meet in the schedule was a triagle meet between Richmond Hill High School, Newmarket High School, and ourselves on the Memorial Track behind the school. Again we won the day.

On May 5th the Georgian Bay meet was held in which fifteen schools participated. It also was held on our track. We did well in this meet winning a second place spot for ourselves. The next meet was a dual meet between P.C. and N.H.S. which we won. On May 12 the Quake Relays were held and this event, which has been attracting more and more school each year, had 36 schools attending. We won one of the shuttle hurdle Relays. May 19th saw the arrival of the annual Sport's Day. The Blue team won the day and also the year. For most of the school the season was now ended but a few of the more outstanding of our athletics took in a couple of other meets; there was the COSSA meet at Peterboro and the OFSAA meet at Orillia.

Although the whole school participates in the track and field program in one capacity or another there were a select few who had the ability and who worked at their craft enough to become title holders. Al White set a new school

record at the Georgian Bay meet in the senior 120 yard hurdles of 17.2 seconds. Charles Bateman in the same meet bettered the school high jump mark by 1 inch setting the new mark at 5' 10". Al White set a second mark of 15 seconds flat in the Intermediate 120 hurdles and a new mark of 37' 1½" in the Intermediate A Hop, Step, and Jump. Addie Blankestijn threw the discus in the Intermediate A class to a new mark of 109' 5¼". Bruce Andrews in the same class extended a record which had held since 1937 by approximately 12' with a throw of the javelin of 147' 6". Roger Wilson broke the intermediate 100 with a time of 10.9. Tony Allan did the same to the 220 in the same class with a time of 25.3. He also set a new Junior mark in the 100 of 11 seconds flat. Bob Macdonald in the Hop Step and Jump Junior class made a new record with a jump of 35' 8½". In Midget Norman Showers made a high jump of 4'8¼". Jim King won the intermediate shot-put at the COSSA meet at Peterborough.

As can be seen by the records bettered this was a good and active year.

staff notes

THIS YEAR SEES THE DEPARTURE of some members of our staff. We wish them luck in their future tasks.

MR. IAN GOW will return to Queens University in the fall to commence on his M.A. in History and Economics.

MR. ANTONY FRISCH is now attending a summer course at O.C.E. and will be teaching somewhere near Toronto next year. His excellent anthology of High School prose and poetry has just been published with favourable critical reviews. We congratulate him on this unique achievement.

MR. RICHARD ARNOLD has been considering one of the following countries for the further developing of his mental capacities: Cuba, Mexico, Australia, England, or Italy. We sincerely hope that he arrives at a safe decision.

MISS LESLIE FORSYTHE will be returning to England in July to continue her nursing career. We wish her luck, thank her for her many services, and hope that she will again visit us, preferably driving an M.G.

athletic colour awards

FIRST COLOURS

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Broder Allen, Toronto; Chas. Bateman, Cornwall; Pete Campbell, Sarnia; Al Deal, Lethbridge, Stan Dresser, Leamington, Jim Gordon, Gore Bay; John Brownlee, London; Stu Little, Kirkland Lake; Robt. Kennedy, North Bay; Skip Lamont, Guelph; Jim King, Bermuda; Robt. Macklin, Ottawa; Ron McIntosh, Sarnia, Pete Zinkan, Thornhill; Jean MacLean, Callandar; Larry McMullen, Toronto.

SECOND COLOURS

NEW

Anthony, Allen, Toronto; John Baynes, Toronto; Addie Blankestijn, Venezuela; Doug Clark, Peterboro; Phil Coupey, Montreal; Simon Dew, Toronto; Roger Doner, Kirkland Lake; Alf Hales, Guelph, Curt Kazakoff, Toronto; Alex Mills, Eganville; Ray Monks, Toronto; Pete Newberry, Trinidad; Raph Noy, Orillia; Laurie Sewell, Rochester; Sid Slaven, Nova Scotia; Bill Taylor, Owen Sound; Al White, Toronto; Brant Wilson, London; Roger Wilson, Montreal; Bruce Andrews, Toronto; Paul Feldman, Westmount; Richard Simmons, Bermuda; George Ratz, Rockcliffe Park.

THIRD COLOURS

NEW

David Beer, Newmarket; Rolph Davis, King; Don Hastie, Streetsville, Al Heronecourt, Oshawa; Ron Hons, Peru; Neil Kernaghan, Toronto; Robt. MacDonald, Sault Ste. Marie; Garry Marr, Toronto; Jas. Murray, Toronto; Dalton Pratt, Montreal; Luis Puente, Venezuela; Chas. Beer, Newmarket; Brian Blackstock, Newmarket, Ken MacDonald, Sault Ste. Marie; John Renwick, Toronto; Dave Rivers, Toronto; Keva Silverstein, London, Hugh Sirrs, Toronto, Larry Sothman, Forgan; Robt. Suter, Toronto, Dave Thomson, Toronto, Don Totten, London; Tim Wilkins, Stratford; Gord Willson, Toronto; Earl Zimmerman, Toronto; Rod Robinson, Toronto; John Puddifoot, Hawkesbury; Garry Smith, Toronto; Dane Wray, Westmount.

PREP ATHLETIC AWARDS

NEW

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